

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Especially in times such as these, it has become abundantly clear that further consolidation and conglomeration of cable companies directly opposes what the media, in theory, should be. We, as citizens, deserve the right to hear many different voices, and eliminating the cable ownership cap would severely limit an already shrinking number of viewpoints. Democracy is threatened by such a move, and I stand wholly against it. Thank you for your time.